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Applicant : Masahiro KAWASAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2851

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 8, 2002, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 8, 2003, and which has been extended to expire on February 10, 2003 (February 8, 2003, falling on a Saturday), by the enclosed Request for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action together with consideration and allowance of all the claims pending herein, in due course.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 7, without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter.

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 8-10 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claims is attached at the end of this Reply):